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## CURRENT LOCAL LACONICS.

### Brief Mention of What Is Going On In and About Titusville.

M. S. Jones, Jr., of Quay, paid a flying visit to town on Tuesday.

Mr. R. A. Bobbitt returned yesterday from Cocoa, much improved in health.

Send watches for repairs to W. M. Woodward, DeLand, Fla. Work guaranteed.

Services at the Methodist church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. A. M. Daiger, Pastor.

Our specialties.—New novelties, watch and jewelry repairing, diamonds, etc. Whaler's jewelry store.

Mr. Eli Spencer, of Jacksonville, arrived here the latter part of last week, and left Monday for Jacksonville.

Mr. J. L. Mobley returned from a ten days' trip to Savannah on a visit to his brother yesterday afternoon.

Rev. R. B. Templeton will hold divine services at City Point on Sunday morning, August 3rd, at 10:30, and at Hardeeville at 2 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Budge returned Tuesday afternoon from New York city, and report cold weather up there for July. Mr. Budge went on to Miami Wednesday. Mrs. B. will remain here for a while.

Messrs. Cass Allen and Frank White, of Daytona, and Hosmer Allen, all former residents of Merritts Island, are now at Jensen at work on the erection of the ice plant, which has been transferred there from Daytona.

Capt. Pritchard, president of the Indian River State bank, managed the business of that institution by himself from Monday afternoon until Wednesday afternoon, but it took long hours at night to accomplish it. Mr. Branning, assistant cashier, was at Miami during this time.

Mail agent J. A. Collins is now enjoying his annual vacation of twenty days which the government allows him, with pay going on just the same. He left for Miami Sunday. Mr. J. W. Hill, of Lakeland, who has just lately been appointed as mail clerk, is acting in Mr. Collins' place on the Titusville-Sanford run.

Jake Walker, a big, stout negro, died very suddenly at Hobe Sound last Saturday evening, about 6 o'clock. He and another negro were racing with each other, each one having a rowboat. They started from the shore, rowed across the river and back, and when within ten feet of the first starting point Walker fell dead.

The Plant estate seems likely, from the amount of litigation in which it is involved, to be pretty well tied up for a long time to come. The litigation has been given a unique turn by Col. Lucien F. Burpee, attorney for Charles E. and Horace K. Hoadley, sons of a half brother of the late Henry Bradley Plant, who have attached part of the \$26,000,000 estate to guarantee payment of certain annuities.

Dr. Graham, of Miami, stopped off here Tuesday on his way to California. He expects to remain in Arizona on the way back as long as the dry climate there is beneficial to his health. He is accompanied by his son Robbie. Mrs. Graham and Masters Ralph and Harold passed through yesterday on their way to Philadelphia, and were joined by the doctor at this place.

Mr. T. A. Robinson, fish and game warden, arrived in town Tuesday, and is spending a few days in this part of the county to ascertain whether he will have to go before the people again in the second primary for fish and game warden. We hear it reported that a petition will be presented at the meeting of the board of county commissioners next week asking for a reduction of the salary of this officer, or the transfer of the duties to the sheriff, etc.

### POULTRY WIRE NETTING.

We are selling the genuine Clinton Poultry Wire Netting, 2-inch mesh, at a very low price just to advertise ourselves. EAST COAST LUMBER AND SUPPLY CO., Eau Gallie, Fla.

**STATIONERY.**—We have just received a new line. Tablets 5 to 20c.; box Paper 10 to 50c. Wilson & Son.

### Prospective Piano Purchasers.

You want to purchase a piano, and you can save from \$50 to \$100 on same by corresponding with E. B. Wager, Titusville. Why pay \$250 for a piano that we will sell you for \$175? You must have money to throw away to give the dealer that tremendous profit. Our instruments are fully guaranteed. We are simply satisfied with a small profit. Write us for further particulars, stating just what you want.

## Colored Woman Murdered.

This quiet and orderly community was shocked on Sunday to learn that Ada Wells, a colored woman who lived in a house that she rented from Capt. Rice, situated just south of the Grand View hotel building, had been found dead.

It is stated that a family living near by heard screams during Saturday night, but not apprehending anything wrong did not investigate. The next day, however, as no one appeared to be moving about the house as usual, a search was made and her body was found lying on a cot in the front room of the building. She had been choked to death, as was plainly evidenced by the finger marks on her throat. There was also a bruise back of the right ear; one upper front tooth was broken loose and pressed forward, which would seem to show that the woman was biting her assailant, and in his pulling away from her pulled the tooth outward.

There was evidence of a struggle upon the ground just outside the door, where the crime was undoubtedly committed, as wood ashes right at the door were still clinging to the woman's head and on her right eye when she was found, showing that after she had been hurled down in the sand and ashes her assailant picked up the body and carried it into the house and placed it on the cot, where it was found with one foot resting on the floor. The left arm had blood on it, and the victim's mouth was full of blood.

The last seen of the woman alive was on Saturday night about 11 o'clock, when she bought a half-pint flask of gin and started home. It is stated that she was seen talking with a man not far from her house about this time of the night.

The affair is a deep mystery. There is not the slightest clue to work on. Neither is there any apparent motive for killing the woman. She was a harmless sort of person, had no money that is known of, and at times was given to be demented. It is probable that she and her murderer became involved in a drunken row, and that the killing was not intentional.

As soon as the body was found Coroner B. R. Wilson and Sheriff Brown were notified. The following named persons were empaneled as jurors to investigate the matter thoroughly: Julius Kline, E. E. Knox, H. J. Shirley, C. D. Case, W. S. Norwood and R. L. Motlow. The jury viewed the body and surroundings and adjourned until Monday morning, when the investigation was continued at the court house until the afternoon. A number of witnesses were examined, but no clue or evidence sufficient to hold any person for the crime was secured, and the jury returned a verdict to the effect that Ada Wells came to her death at the hands of parties to the jury unknown.

Sheriff Brown is quietly at work on the case. It is seldom that a criminal escapes him, and we hope that he will be able to apprehend the guilty party or parties in this affair.

### WANTED—A NAME.

We will give \$5 for the best name suggested for our "Palmetto," a soda-water preparation containing palmetto, phosphates and pepsin. Something short and suggestive to Palmetto. Contest closes August 10th. Wilson & Son.

### East Coast Railway Not Sold.

From Wednesday's Jacksonville Metropolis. For several days past the rumor has been in circulation in this city and over the state that Mr. H. M. Flagler, the sole owner of the East Coast railway, had disposed of his railroad property to the Southern railway. A Metropolis reporter asked Mr. J. R. Parrott, vice-president and general manager of the road, if the story was true, and Mr. Parrott informed him that there was no truth in the report.

A great many papers have published reports of the sale, and it was generally believed that a deal had been made, and the news that the sale is untrue will be gladly received all over Florida, for it would be a great loss to the state to have Mr. Flagler cut loose from it after he has done so much in developing the east coast.

The Florida East Coast railway extends from Jacksonville to Miami, via St. Augustine. The main line is 366 miles in length, while there are four branch roads, which together comprise 104 miles, giving the system a mileage of 470 miles.

This road reaches all the popular winter resorts on the east coast of Florida, and controls the business into St. Augustine. As a passenger road it is universally regarded as the finest property in the south.

### MIANUS MOTOR WORKS.

Marine and Stationary Gas Engines. Guaranteed. Agency, Roseland, Florida. Small Repairs for Sale.

## LATEST NEWS AND INCIDENTS.

### Matters of Interest That Are Happening Around Town.

Take your bicycle to Giles' repair shop. We note that Mr. J. J. Flannery is in town this week, having been away for some weeks.

Mrs. Hattie Marx, of Jacksonville, a former resident of this place, was en route to Miami Sunday on a visit to her sister.

Mrs. Albert Wilson, of Hardeeville, paid Titusville a visit Monday afternoon, and gave THE STAR office a short but pleasant call.

Mr. T. G. Ronald, of Lotus, is now in Baltimore, on a visit to relatives, and will spend several weeks there and at other places north.

Mr. E. F. Alford, of Ocoee, Orange county, stopped off here Monday on his way to Miami, where he had an appointment with Mr. W. M. Brown.

Thirty-two tickets were sold at this place Sunday afternoon for the Miami excursion. This was a larger sale than was expected. Those who went on Sunday were lucky, as they avoided the crowded train of Monday.

Mr. R. L. Motlow returned home last week from Mulberry, Tennessee, where he left Mrs. Motlow and the children to remain until cooler weather sets in. We are informed that Mrs. Motlow's health is a little improved by the change.

Mrs. T. W. Anderson and baby, of Jensen, who have been spending about two months in Alabama, returned here a few days ago for a short stay with her mother at LaGrange, and left Tuesday for Jensen, glad to get back to the sea breezes of the Florida coast.

The severe midsummer drought at Mico was broken by several good showers last week, and vegetation of all kinds shows improvement. The rain Saturday came with a sudden heavy squall from the southeast, and totally wrecked the tent of J. F. Prevatt, road overseer, which was pitched on the wharf, at Mico, several hundred feet out over the river, where he and his convicts were camped. Several articles were blown away, but nothing of great value.

Volusia county has the unique distinction of possessing a perambulating county jail. Its utility is its excuse for its perambulation. A week or so ago this jail on wheels left the county seat and landed in the flatwoods with eighteen convicts under charge of a county commissioner. The convicts were at once set to work making a good road between Daytona and DeLand. That is an innovation that other counties might copy to their advantage.

### Titusville Winners at Miami.

The Titusville riders just simply paralyzed the tournament boys at Miami this week, capturing all the prizes and coming away with \$102 of prize money. J. C. Osban captured first prize, \$45.00; J. M. Osban second, Robert Singleton third, D. B. Pritchard fourth, L. C. Branning fifth. Some of the Titusville boys made a tie on H out of 12, and rode it off. In the hurdle race D. B. Britchard's horse won easily.

In the bicycle races at Miami on Wednesday, E. W. Brooks, of Tampa, won the five-mile race; W. E. Vanlandingham, of this place, was second, and Lassetter, of Miami, third. Sam Perkins, the other contestant, of Sanford, was distanced. In the quarter-mile dash Vanlandingham led easily, but being mistaken as to the finishing line slowed up too soon, and Brooks passed him. A great deal of argument followed, and while Vanlandingham was having his leg dressed, which was injured in the race, the second sprint was made between Perkins and Brooks, the latter coming in ahead. The judges finally awarded first prize in the dash to Vanlandingham.

### GARDNER'S SPECIALS.

40c. Galvanized Water Buckets, 32c. \$1.00 Croquet Sets, 4 balls, 85c. 95c. Bleached Sheets, 90x99, 75c. 12c. Bathing Suit Flannel, 9c. Silence Table Cloth (under), 43c. Iron Beds, 4x6x6, \$3.82.

CHAS. A. GARDNER, Titusville, Fla.

For fifteen years The Outlook has made its first of August issue a special illustrated educational number. The issue for this year is not only remarkable because of the number of eminent educationalists who contribute to it, and the importance of the topics discussed, but also from its general attractiveness as an illustrated magazine. Among the contributors are President Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University; President Hyde, of Bowdoin; President Harris, of Amherst; Dean Jordan, of Smith College; Professor George E. Vincent, of the University of Chicago; Professor J. R. Wheeler, of Columbia, and Dr. Edward Everett Hale.

## Final Clearance Sale at KLINE'S.

Monday, August 4th, 1902.

Marseilles Bed Spreads, extra large size, beautiful patterns, the kind that usually sells for \$2.00, for \$1.19 only; also an imported spread of a very handsome design, regular price \$3.00, for \$1.49.

Fine Cheviot Shirts, big variety of patterns, 20 cents would be a small price for the quality, Monday's price 10 cents.

Just received, a new stock of Window Shades, mounted on Hartshorn patent rollers, all colors, standard length, regular price 35 cents, Monday only at 25 cents.

Imported Black Organdie, 72 inches wide, regular 75 cents quality, for 49 cents.

Ladies' Umbrellas, just received a new lot, beautiful handles, also 20th century runners, regular price \$1.75, Monday's price \$1.29; also one lot worth \$2.50 for \$1.79, with up-to-date handles.

Celebrated Thompson's Glove-fitting Corset, military front, the \$1.50 quality for 98 cents; same in R. & G.

An extra large Huck Towel, 40 inches long, worth 20 cents, for 10 cents apiece; extra fine linen hemstitched Towel, fancy borders, regular price 40 cents, for 25c.

India Linen Lawn, regular 15 cents quality, Monday only, 10 cents.

Coat's Thread, all numbers, six spools for a Quarter.

An 8-inch Embroidery, suitable for undershirts, very handsome design, regular price 25 cents, Monday's price 12c, big variety of patterns, also some 10 inches wide, big variety of patterns, regular 35 cents quality for 19 cents.

Mail orders promptly filled on any of the above goods.

JULIUS KLINE, Titusville, Fla.

**STATIONERY.**—We have just received a new line. Tablets 5 to 20c.; box Paper 10 to 50c. Wilson & Son.

### Wilk Call Loses His Law Suit.

On Friday last, July 25th, Judge Jones rendered a decision in the celebrated case of ex-United States Senator Wilkinson Call against United States Senator James P. Taliaferro, wherein a demurrer of the defendant to the declaration of the plaintiff was sustained.

Judge Jones refused the plaintiff's motion to amend the declaration, and said that the publication of the article in question was not actionable, and the "plaintiff now goes hence and takes nothing," though he sued Senator Taliaferro for \$50,000.

This suit grew out of that old bacon purchasing yarn, which was proved to be a fake. The declaration sets forth that on February 24th, 1900, in Washington, D. C., in the Daily Post, was published a certain defamatory libel on Call, in part as follows:

"A sensational story was published in a New York newspaper yesterday, charging, upon the authority of Jay G. Holland, said to be a Florida detective, that during the Spanish war, in 1898, Senator J. P. Taliaferro, of Florida, the C. B. Rogers company, of which the senator is vice-president, and Maj. G. W. Ruthers, commissary of subsistence United States volunteers, entered into a conspiracy whereby the government was defrauded in a sale of 215,000 pounds of bacon, valued at \$23,000. The purchaser of the bacon, according to Holland's sworn statement, was the C. B. Rogers company."

Senator Taliaferro promptly denied the statement as false in toto, and the declaration further states that "Senator Taliaferro said the charge was prompted by political animosity in which my predecessor, ex-United States Senator Call, is concerned."

This latter remark is what ex-Senator Call based his suit for libel on, and Judge Jones rules that it is not a sufficient cause for action. The ex-senator, in his declaration, asserts that he is and has been greatly injured in his good name, reputation and credit, and brought into public scandal and disgrace, and has been and is shunned by divers persons, and has been and is otherwise injured.

The action of Judge Jones, it is thought, will end the matter, though Senator Call can appeal to the supreme court if he wishes.

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### FOR SALE CHEAP FOR CASH.

About 88 acres of good high land on the east or ocean side of the Indian river at the Narrows, described as follows: Lot No. 3, section 35, also lot No. 3, section 36, in township 31 south, range 39 east. This land is unimproved but finely located. For further particulars address E. M. Low, Brockton, Mass.

## BITS OF FACT AND GOSSIP.

### Current Events of the Present Week Portrayed in Brief.

Mrs. H. B. Saunders returned to West Palm Beach Wednesday afternoon.

States Attorney J. D. Beggs, of Orlando, was in town Wednesday and yesterday on official business.

Messrs. Frank M. Wilson and Will Praetorius, of Canaveral, spent last Friday and Saturday in town.

Mr. Frost, of Dania, was in town Monday on a visit to his son, Mr. G. A. Frost, on his way to St. Augustine.

Archdeacon B. F. Brown will hold divine service on Sunday, August 3rd, in St. Andrews church, Fort Pierce, at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. J. T. Bassett and her daughter, Mrs. S. J. Norton, and Mrs. Norton's two children expect to leave next Monday for Tallulah Falls, Georgia, to spend the balance of the summer.

Sam Perkins, of Sanford, was on the southbound train Tuesday on his way to Miami to take in the bicycle races. Titusville was represented in the races by Messrs. Vanlandingham, Johnson and Osban.

Messrs. A. W. Cockrell, Jr., A. H. King, S. T. Shaylor, of Jacksonville, and Egford Bly, of DeLand, were registered at the Indian River hotel Monday, all of the attorneys having cases before Judge Jones.

Mr. F. O. Williams, freight agent for the F. E. C. railway at Jacksonville, and formerly station agent at Titusville, stopped off here from Tuesday until Wednesday on his way to Eden for a short vacation from his work.

It is stated that Mr. John B. Stetson has taken \$25,000 in the proposed electric railway from Sanford, and that the line is to be extended through Volusia county to the coast, thus reaching from the Atlantic to the gulf of Mexico.

Mr. Robertson, of Orlando, who takes Mr. Ramsey's position in the Eagle Clothing store, arrived here yesterday afternoon. Mr. Ramsey returns in a day or so to his home in Gadsden, Ala., and has accepted a situation in Opelika, that state.

The cornerstone of the vicarage of Grace Episcopal church, at Merritt, was laid on Thursday of last week at 3 o'clock p. m. On the stone was inscribed a cross and "Vicarage, A. D. 1902." Rev. H. B. Stuart-Martin performed the ceremony.

Messrs. B. H. Britt, of Arcadia, E. C. F. Sanchez and S. Y. Finley, of Gainesville, were here this week on business connected with the settlement of the Acosta grant, which lies between Indian river and the St. Johns from Aurantha west, and takes in Turnbull, returning home yesterday.

Fred Shaw, for several years telegraph operator at Lantana, in Dade county, and also engaged in the fishing business, was drowned in Lake Worth Monday of last week by his boat capsizing near the Bingham place. The boat was found Tuesday by Capt. Moore and Tom Earnest, of Hypoluxo, but the body was not recovered until Wednesday morning. It had floated upon a small island south of Pelican island, where it was discovered.

On the excursion to Miami Monday afternoon we noticed Aeronaut H. B. Phillips, who made the balloon ascension here July 5th. Phillips was on his way to do the balloon ascension and to get there this week on account of a doctor's operation. Phillips had a near escape from a bad accident Sunday night. The balloon ascended all right for about 100 feet when a leak allowed enough of the hot air to escape so that it gradually sank down. A furious wind carried the balloon along the ground before Phillips could loosen himself from the parachute and dragged him into a barbed wire fence, cutting his right hand pretty severely.

### CYPRESS LATH.

We have a few hundred thousand cypress lath suitable for pineapple sheds to offer.

Order early, as there are very few lath on the market. EAST COAST LUMBER AND SUPPLY CO., Eau Gallie, Fla.

### WANTED.

Man to work Orange Grove on shares. Grove of 35 acres; all fertilized and irrigated; all in fine shape for the season's business. Proposition includes comfortable cottage, all garden space desired, and a small lake stocked with edible fish. Owner killed by accident, and heirs wish to rent or sell the place. It is within 60 miles of Titusville, and is a fine proposition for some ambitious man, which will give him the chance of his life. For all particulars, address at once, B. K. ADAMS, Bangor Building, Cleveland, Ohio.